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Toshiya TAKAHASHI : Docket No. 01489/P-21182-01  
Serial No. 09/387,555 : Group Art Unit 2131  
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DATA PROCESSING METHOD, :  
DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS, :  
AND DATA STORAGE MEDIUM :

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 16, 2003, the period for response to which having been extended by two months to December 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE**

**Please amend the title of the invention as follows:**

~~DATA PROCESSING METHOD DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND DATA  
STORAGE MEDIUM~~ IMAGE OBJECT RECORDING, COMPRESSION, AND ENCRYPTION  
METHOD AND SYSTEM